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Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifty-third session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 10 to 28 November 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 10 November at 10 a.m.

2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the fifty-third session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Committee.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 6 containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its fifty-third and future sessions.

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Provisional agenda

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9. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.
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Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 5 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except when the election of officers is required under rule 14. In accordance with rule 6, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, delete or defer items.

2. Organization of work

In accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure, at the beginning of each session, the Committee shall consider appropriate organizational matters, including the schedule of its meetings. In this connection, attention is drawn to the tentative programme of work for the session set out in the present document, which was prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee in accordance with established practice.

3. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

In accordance with rule 65 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may prepare general comments based on the various articles and provisions of the Covenant with a view to assisting States parties in fulfilling their reporting obligations. The Committee decided at its fourteenth session (28 April–17 May 1996) that as from its fifteenth session its

discussions relating to the implementation of the Covenant (days of general discussion, consideration and adoption of general comments, methods of work, submissions by non-governmental organizations, etc.) would be conducted under this agenda item.

During the session, the Committee will discuss methods of work, general comments under preparation and other matters.

4. Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee has been discussing follow-up consistently at its sessions, and maintains the issue of follow-up to previous concluding observations as an item of discussion during dialogues with delegations, when considering subsequent periodic reports and when considering working methods.

5. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies

Under this agenda item, the Committee will continue to consider, as required, matters emanating from the Meetings of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies, the most recent of which was held from 23 to 27 June 2014. Documentation relating to that meeting is being made available to Committee members. Members will also be informed of activities undertaken by other treaty bodies as they relate to their work.

6. Consideration of reports

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 61, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall normally consider the reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Covenant in the order in which they have been received by the Secretary-General. Representatives of the reporting States are entitled to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined; such representatives should be able to make statements on the reports submitted by their Governments and reply to questions which may be put to them by the members of the Committee.

In accordance with rule 62, paragraph 2, of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General informed the States parties, through notes verbales, of the opening date and duration of the fifty-third session of the Committee, and invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports would be considered. A tentative timetable for consideration of those reports was prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee.

As at 21 July 2014, 34 reports as listed below had been received by the Secretary-General and were pending consideration by the Committee. Reports of the States parties which are tentatively scheduled for consideration at the fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions (dates in 2015 to be determined) of the Committee are set out in the last columns of the tables that follow. The reports to be scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-seventh and subsequent sessions, subject to approval by the Committee, will be the next seven to eight reports to be received by the Committee, generally in chronological order of receipt.

The following tables do not include States parties that were requested to submit reports by a specific deadline, failing which the Committee would proceed to examine the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights in their territories in the absence of a report.

Initial reports	*Symbol*	*Date received*	*Date due*	*Scheduled for consideration at*
1. Burundi	E/C.12/BDI/1	16 Jan. 2013	30 June 1992	Fifty-sixth session
2. The Gambia	E/C.12/GMB/1	9 May 2012	30 June 1990	Fifty-fourth session
3. Montenegro	E/C.12/MNE/1	26 Dec. 2011	30 June 2008	Fifty-third session (November 2014)
4. Thailand	E/C.12/THA/1	22 Aug. 2012	30 June 2002	Fifty-fifth session
5. Uganda	E/C.12/UGA/1	6 Dec. 2012	30 June 1990	Fifty-fifth session

Second periodic reports	*Symbol*	*Date received*	*Date due*	*Scheduled for consideration at*
6. Greece	E/C.12/GRC/2	31 Aug. 2012	30 June 2009	Fifty-sixth session
7. Guyana (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/GUY/2-4	10 Sept. 2012	30 June 2000	Fifty-sixth session
8. Honduras	E/C.12/HND/2	5 May 2014	30 June 2006	
9. Kenya (second to fifth periodic reports)	E/C.12/KEN/2-5	1 July 2013	30 June 2013	
10. Kyrgyzstan (second and third periodic reports)	E/C.12/KGZ/2-3	3 Apr. 2012	30 June 2005 30 June 2010	Fifty-fifth session
11. Slovenia	E/C.12/SVN/2	22 June 2011	30 June 2010	Fifty-third session (November 2014)
12. Sudan	E/C.12/SDN/2	27 July 2012	30 June 2003	Fifty-sixth session
13. Tajikistan (second and third periodic reports)	E/C.12/TJK/2-3	22 Sept. 2011	30 June 2011	Fifty-fourth session
14. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/MKD/2-4	17 Feb. 2014	30 June 2008	
15. Viet Nam (second to fourth periodic reports)	E/C.12/VNM/2-4	15 Sept. 2011	30 June 1995 30 June 2000 30 June 2005	Fifty-third session (November 2014)

Third periodic reports	*Symbol*	*Date received*	*Date due*	*Scheduled for consideration at*
16. Guatemala	E/C.12/GTM/3	16 Dec. 2011	30 June 2008	Fifty-third session (November 2014)
17. Ireland	E/C.12.IRL/3	7 May 2012	30 June 2007	Fifty-fifth session
18. Nepal	E/C.12/NPL/3	12 July 2011	30 June 2011	Fifty-third session (November 2014)

Third periodic reports	*Symbol*	*Date received*	*Date due*	*Scheduled for consideration at*
19. Romania (third to fifth periodic reports)	E/C.12/ROU/3-5	15 Nov. 2011	30 June 1994 30 June 1999 30 June 2004	Fifty-third session (November 2014)
20. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	E/C.12/VEN/3	29 May 2012	30 June 2006	Fifty-fifth session
21. Yemen	E/C.12/YEM/3	11 July 2013	30 June 2013	

Fourth periodic reports	*Symbol*	*Date received*	*Date due*	*Scheduled for consideration at*
22. Angola (fourth and fifth periodic reports)	E/C.12/AGO/4-5	26 Feb. 2014	30 June 2013	
23. Chile	E/C.12/CHL/4	21 Mar. 2012	30 June 2009	Fifty-fifth session
24. France	E/C.12/FRA/4	23 May 2013	30 June 2011	
25. Iraq	E/C.12/IRQ/4	22 May 2013	30 June 2000	Fifty-sixth session
26. Mongolia	E/C.12/MNG/4	22 Feb. 2012	30 June 2009	Fifty-fifth session
27. Morocco	E/C.12/MAR/4	24 Jan. 2013	30 June 2009	Fifty-sixth session
28. Paraguay	E/C.12/PRY/4	6 Oct. 2011	30 June 2011	Fifty-fourth session
29. Portugal	E/C.12/PRT/4	28 Jan. 2011	30 June 2005	Fifty-third session (November 2014)

Fifth periodic reports	*Symbol*	*Date received*	*Date due*	*Scheduled for consideration at*
30. Italy	E/C.12/ITA/5	9 Aug. 2012	30 June 2009	Fifty-sixth session

Sixth periodic reports	*Symbol*	*Date received*	*Date due*	*Scheduled for consideration at*
31. Canada	E/C.12/CAN/6	17 Oct. 2012	6 June 2010	
32. Finland	E/C.12/FIN/6	15 July 2011	30 June 2010	Fifty-third session (November 2014)
33. Sweden	E/C.12/SWE/6	26 July 2013	30 June 2013	
34. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	E/C.12/GBR/6	17 June 2014	30 June 2014	

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 67 of its rules of procedure, the Committee is entrusted with the task of considering the reports submitted by specialized agencies pursuant to article 18 of the Covenant.

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the specialized agencies concerned may make statements on matters falling within the scope of the activities of their respective organization. The Secretary-General has invited the specialized agencies concerned to designate representatives to provide information.

Any report which may be received from the specialized agencies under article 18 of the Covenant will be made available to the Committee in due course.

7. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 59, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall at each session consider the status of submission of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant and may make appropriate recommendations to the Council, including recommendations to the effect that the Secretary-General should send reminders to States parties from which reports have not been received. The Committee will have before it under this item the following document:

Note by the Secretary-General on the States parties to the Covenant and the status of submission of reports (E/C.12/53/2).

8. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies

Pursuant to rule 64 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may wish to make suggestions and recommendations of a general nature on the basis of its consideration of reports submitted by States parties and reports submitted by specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant. The Committee may also wish to make suggestions for consideration by the Council with reference to articles 19, 22 and 23 of the Covenant.

9. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of the provisional rules of procedure under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

In accordance with article 8 of the Optional Protocol and rule 19, paragraph 1, of the provisional rules of procedure under the Optional Protocol, the Committee or its Working Group on Communications shall examine communications in closed meetings.

10. Miscellaneous matters

At its twenty-first session (1999), the Committee decided to include in its agenda a standing item, "miscellaneous matters", under which it may consider any issue falling outside the scope of other standing agenda items.

Tentative programme of the fifty-third session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (10–28 November 2014)

First week: 10–14 November 2014

Monday, 10 November			
41st meeting	(public)	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda
		Item 2	Organization of work
		Item 7	Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant
		Item 10	Miscellaneous matters
		Items 3, 5 & 10	Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies
42nd meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Viet Nam
Tuesday, 11 November			
43rd meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Viet Nam (*continued*)
44th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Portugal
Wednesday, 12 November			
45th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Portugal (*continued*)
46th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Finland
Thursday, 13 November			
47th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Finland (*continued*)
48th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Montenegro (initial report)
Friday, 14 November			
49th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Montenegro (*continued*)
50th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Montenegro (*continued*)

Second week: 17–21 November

Monday, 17 November			
51st meeting	(public/private)	Items 3, 5 & 10	Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies
52nd meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Guatemala
Tuesday, 18 November			
53rd meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Guatemala (*continued*)
54th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Slovenia
Wednesday, 19 November			
55th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Slovenia (*continued*)
56th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Nepal
Thursday, 20 November			
57th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Nepal (*continued*)
58th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Romania
Friday, 21 November			
59th meeting	(public)	Item 6	Consideration of reports: Romania (*continued*)
60th meeting	(private)	Items 3 & 8	Closed meeting

Third week: 24–28 November

Monday, 24 November			
61st meeting	(private)	Item 6	Closed meeting
62nd meeting	(private)	Item 6	Closed meeting
Tuesday, 25 November			
63rd meeting	(private)	Items 3, 6 & 9	Closed meeting
64th meeting	(private)	Items 3, 4 & 6	Closed meeting
Wednesday, 26 November			
65th meeting	(private)	Items 3, 5 & 8	Closed meeting
66th meeting	(private)	Items 3, 5 & 8	Closed meeting

Thursday, 27 November			
67th meeting	(private)	Items 3, 5 & 8	Closed meeting
68th meeting	(private)	Items 3, 5 & 8	Closed meeting
Friday, 28 November			
69th meeting	(private)	Item 3	Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
		Item 4	Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant
Noon	(public)	Item 6	Briefing for States
70th meeting	(public)	Items 6 & 10	Close of session
	(private)	Item 10	Miscellaneous matters